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Marrat's demonstration: Committee's report adopted.

Committee appointed to invest the funds: C. C. Biddle, Patterson, Ord.

Insurance discussed and raised to \$6000.

Library donations from W. Thompson, of London; Dr. Patterson, Dr. Jer. Van Rensselaer, and Dr. Dav. Hosack.

Texas: "The Geographical Society of Paris having some time ago requested some information of this Society respecting the Province of Texas, Dr. Mease read a Paper on the subject, which he submits to the Society, as a reply to the Queries of the Society of Paris."

1826. *Jan'y 6. Afternoon session.* (Present, 14. DuPonceau, C. C. Biddle, Hembel, Vaux, Tilghman, Keating, Vaughan, Harlan, Mease, Collin, Patterson, Barton, De-wees, Kane.)

Judges and Clerks were appointed, and balloting proceeded until five o'clock, when the following were declared Officers of the Society:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President—Wm. Tilghman.

Vice-Presidents—DuPonceau, Collins, Patterson.

Secretaries—Walsh, Ord, Keating, Bache.

Councillors—Chapman, Hembel, Hare, C. C. Biddle.

Curators—Say, Mease, Horner.

Treasurer—Vaughan.

[There appears to have been no evening session.]

1826. *Jan'y 20.* (Present, 14. Tilghman in the Chair; Pedersen and others.)

Investigating Committee reported "that they had invested \$1049.74 in a certificate of the U. S. Exchanged Four and one-half per cent stock of 1824." "The attention of the Com. having been drawn to the character of the securities in

which the funds of the Society are placed, they deem it their duty to suggest the propriety of investing or converting all the funds of the Society, as speedily as possible, into the Funded debt of the United States, the State of Pennsylvania, or the City of Philadelphia."

Treasurer reported increase of Insurance on the Personal property of the Society to \$6000, with \$4000 on the Building in the Insurance Company of North America.

Committee of Finance established : "On motion of Dr. Patterson, it was resolved, that a *permanent* Committee consisting of three members, to be called the *Committee of Finance*, be now established, with the following powers and duties :

"1. To take charge, in conjunction with the Treasurer, of the investment of the Society's monies ; and to have the general superintendence and management of the Funds.

"2. To report on the Treasurer's accounts, when presented.

"3. To have access, whenever they may desire it, to all the books, accounts, and other papers of the Treasurer.

"4. To have power to remit the payment of the amount of the annual dues of members, when they shall judge that the circumstances of the case require it." Com. to be appointed annually on the second meeting in February. The following were then appointed : Clement C. Biddle, R. M. Patterson, George Ord.

Library donations from M. Gräberg di Hemso, of Tangier, M. Pedersen, and the A. S. Phil.

"A new and original invention ; by G. W. Long, U. S. Artillery," read by Dr. Harlan, and referred to Patterson, Strickland and Hembel.

Greek Colony planted in East Florida, 1768 : Paper read by Dr. Mease, as a reply to some of the Queries of the Geographical Society, Paris.

The Historical Society of Pennsylvania's request to be permitted to examine the Society's original letters, papers and documents relating to country's history, with a view to publication, was referred to the Board.

Building Committee appointed : Strickland, Vaughan, Patterson. \$100 placed at its disposal for expenses of 1826.

To the Librarian: \$100 for periodicals; \$75 for binding; \$150 for current expenses.

J. Vaughan elected Librarian for 1826.

New members elected: Samuel Humphreys, of Philadelphia; Don Pablo de la Llave, Min. Justice, Mexico; Dr. John Lewis Tiarks, of Jever, E. Friesland.

1826. *Feb'y* 3. (Present, 11. DuPonceau in the Chair; Vaughan, Mease, Pedersen, Morgan, Bache, Colhoun, Harlan, Nichols, Keating, Ord.)

Historical Society's request: Report of the Board presented and adopted, ending thus: "*Resolved*, That it is not expedient to grant the request of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania." Resolution to be transmitted by the Secretary.

Mr. Humphreys' letter of thanks for election read.

1826. *Feb'y* 17. (Present, 11. Patterson in the Chair.)

Library donations from persons and societies.

"Dr. Nicholas Collins entertained the Society with remarks upon some Birds, Quadrupeds and phenomena of Nature."

"Mr. DuPonceau read a letter from M. Gräberg di Hemso, of Tripoli, relating to the Languages of sundry tribes of Africa, viz., the Berbers."

Long's paper (read Jan. 20) was allowed to be withdrawn by the author.

Committee appointed "of five persons, severally acquainted with various branches of Literature and Science, to make a *list of such books and pamphlets for the Library of the Society as may be specially wanted to render it more useful*:" Nichols, Mease, DuPonceau, Harlan, Hembel.

Committee appointed on Rask's letter and papers, sent "sometime ago" to the Society: Collin, Pedersen, Lorick.

1826. *March 3.* (Present, 13. Patterson in the Chair; Mease, Collin, Vaughan, Hembell, Conrad, Harlan, Strickland, Ord, Kane, Hare, Bache, Keating.)

Draft of report of Committee on Rask's letter and papers read.

Committee of Finance reported organization.

Library donations from two persons and two societies.

Taylor, Sicard & Co., of Alvarado, send an Invoice of case "containing a number of the insect called in Spanish *Aje*," and "a sample of the preparation from the insect used in Mexico as a paint," with a letter from Col. J. D. Bradburn, of the Mexican Marines, enclosing a treatise in Spanish by Padre Tizan on the subject. Box not yet landed from the ship. Referred to Ord, Vaughan and Collins.

"Proposed method of ascertaining the quadrature of the circle:" Letter from Jacob Peck, Greenville, Tenn. Laid on the table.

Dr. Harlan described the differences "between the European *leech*, and that used in medicine in the United States."

1826. *March 17.* (Present, 12. DuPonceau in the Chair; Lorick, Pedersen, and others.)

Committee on Rask's letter reported. Laid on the table.

Committee on Tizan's treatise read an English translation of it by Mr. Vaughan. Committee continued.

Library donations from Livingston, Renshaw, Barão de Cayru of Rio, Ed. Coles, Lea, &c.

"Mr. Nichols made a verbal communication on Land Surveying."

1826. *April 7.* (Present, 12. DuPonceau in the Chair.)

Committee on List of Books required for the Library reported a recommendation to purchase the "Bulletin de la Société d'Encouragement" and "Annales d'Industrie." Adopted.

John Vaughan's Bond: Committee of Finance report that Mr. Vaughan would pay off his Bond for \$2000, due the Society. Ordered, that the Secretary "affix the common seal of the Society to the assignment of said Bond to such person as Mr. Vaughan shall name, upon being informed by the Committee of Finance that said Bond has been duly paid."

Library donations from two persons and two societies.

"On the heat evolved by different kinds of fuel," by Marcus Bull, read by Dr. Patterson; with diagrams. Referred to Patterson, Coates, Bache. The author permitted meanwhile to publish it, if so disposed.

1826. April 21. (Present, 23. DuPonceau in the Chair; Haines, Eberle, Short, Conrad, Jackson and others.)

Committee on Marcus Bull's paper on Heat of fuels, re-reported in favor of its publication in the Transactions. Adopted.

Library donations from Aloysio Colla, of Turin; Henrich von Struve, of Hamburg; Stephano Borson, of Turin, and others.

Romanzoff's Death: Dr. Mease offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"The American Philosophical Society having been informed of the death of their illustrious associate, Count Nicholas de Romanzoff; and deeply impressed with the feelings which such a loss is calculated to excite in all the lovers of science, and particularly in this Society, to which he was zealously attached, of which attachment he gave them repeated proofs while he lived, and acquired a well-merited right to their gratitude; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary write a letter to Baron de Maltitz, Chargé des Affaires of his Im. & R. majesty, the Emperor of Russia & King of Poland near the United States, expressive of the deep regret of this Society for the loss which they, in common with the scientific world, have sustained, by the death of Count Romanzoff; & requesting him to convey the expression thereof to the family of the illustrious deceased."

Committee on Rask's letter: Report called up—

"*Resolved*, That the Society subscribe to one copy of Mr. Raffin's [*sic*] proposed publication in the Latin language."

Transactions to issue in numbers: "Dr. Patterson offered the following resolution which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That it is expedient to carry into effect the resolution of . . . May 7, 1824, viz. That hereafter the Transactions . . . be published in numbers, so that the publication shall keep pace as nearly as possible with the communication of the papers.

Publication Committee organized:

"*Resolved*, That a Standing Committee of three members, to be termed 'The Committee of Publication' be now appointed (and to be hereafter appointed at the second meeting in January, annually,) with the following powers and duties:—1. To superintend the printing & publishing of the Society's Transactions;—2. To receive subscriptions for these volumes; with an understanding that they may be delivered in numbers, to be published at such intervals, and to be of such size, as the Committee may judge convenient; & to be paid on delivery, at a price proportioned to the number of pages, which price is to be determined by the Committee and stated in the proposals;—3. To call on the Librarian for his assistance in the performance of their duties;—4. To receive all the payments made for the numbers, & to attend to their collection; to pay from the funds so received, or which may be from time to time appropriated for the purpose by the Society, all the expenses attending the publication: to keep regular & separate accounts of such receipts & expenditures; & to make a report of all their proceedings at the first meeting in December annually, or more frequently, if required."

First Committee of Publication chosen: Patterson, Ord, Bache.

New members elected: Charles D. Meigs, M.D., of Philadelphia: William McIlvaine, of Philadelphia; Jacopo Gräberg di Hemso, of Sweden.

1826. May 5. (Present, 16. DuPonceau in the Chair; Vaughan, Humbel, James, Bonaparte, Patterson, Nichols, Mease, Harlan, Conrad, Coates, Godman, Morgan, Ord, Dewees, Bache.)

Library donations from six persons and one society.

Transactions III, No. 1, Bull on Fuel, reported printed by the Publication Committee.

Reply of Baron Maltitz read.

John Vaughan's private library of books, deposited in the

Society's Library costing \$202.05. Mr. Ord's motion to purchase it passed.

Poppel's map of the British Colonies in America offered for sale to the Society by Mr. Rivinus; referred to Vaughan Ord and DuPonceau.

Zeisberger's Grammar, translated, referred to a special committee at the meeting of ———, was now referred to the Publication Committee, "with the liberty of printing it in the next volume of Transactions, should they judge it expedient."

1826. *May* 19. (Present, 16. DuPonceau in the Chair; McIlvaine, Humphreys, and others.)

Transactions, Vol. II, No. 1, presented; also, "a printed prospectus for obtaining subscriptions."

Library donations from Featherstonehaugh and da Silva.

Mason & Dixon's line: "Dr. Mease deposited with the Society several very interesting maps, of early date, of the division lines between Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, accompanied by some explanatory notes." Referred to the Historical Committee.

Mr. Lisboa and Dr. Meigs acknowledged the honor of membership.

"Dr. Mease communicated a letter written by Captain Mussey, describing a successful waling [*sic*] voyage, performed in 1803."

1826. *June* 16. (Present, 10. Dr. Collin in the Chair; Vaughan, Harlan, Meigs, Barnwell, Coates, Nichols, Ord, Godman, Bache.)

Poppel's map, Committee reported against its purchase, "at the price."

Library donations from Lambert, DeKay, Bonaparte, Darlington, Worcester and two societies.

Cabinet donation from Midshipman Deas, U. S. N.

Transactions, "last volume," receipt acknowledged by two London societies. Mr. Small's offer to sell all remaining copies of Vols. I, II, referred to Finance Committee.

1826. *July 8.** (Present, 17. DuPonceau in the Chair; Patterson, Vaughan, Lorick, Harlan, Hare, Meredith, Beasley, Chapman, Vaux, Ingersoll, C. C. Biddle, Horner, Godman, Sergeant, Walsh, Bache.)

Jefferson's Death: "Dr. Patterson, having stated the object of the meeting to be the adoption of such measures as may be proper, on occasion of the death of Thomas Jefferson, former President of this Society, proposed the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Society, in common with the American Nation, and the whole learned world, is impressed with the deepest regret for the loss of their late illustrious associate and former President, Thomas Jefferson.

Resolved, That the President's chair, which for a great number of years he so honorably filled, be clothed in black for the space of six months.

Resolved, That, according to the ancient usage of this Society in relation to their deceased presidents, a public discourse in commemoration of Thomas Jefferson be delivered by a member, to be appointed for that purpose.

Resolved, That a letter expressive of the feelings of this Society on this mournful occasion be addressed to the family of Thomas Jefferson, and sent to them, together with a certified copy of these proceedings. That the said letter be signed by the officer presiding at this meeting, and by the now acting Secretary.

Resolved, That a letter be written in like manner, to the Royal Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres, at Paris, of which Thomas Jefferson was a member, informing them of the death of their illustrious associate, and expressing at the same time, the regret of this Society for his loss."

Death of John Adams: Dr. Chapman then proposed the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Society, in common with the American nation, feel the most profound regret for the loss of their illustrious associate, John Adams, whose talents, virtues, and patriotism contributed in a great de-

* Evidently a special meeting to take action on the deaths of Jefferson and Adams.

gree to secure to our country the blessings of liberty and independence, and in trying times to obtain for it the aid and friendship of foreign nations.

Resolved, That a letter, expressive of the feelings of this Society on this mournful occasion, be addressed to the family of John Adams, and sent to them, together with a certified copy of these proceedings. That the said letter be signed by the officer presiding at this meeting, and by the now acting Secretary.

Resolved, That a similar letter be addressed to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at Boston, expressive of our regret for this common loss.

“ On motion of Dr. Chapman, it was

“ *Resolved*, That the Society enter immediately upon the election of an Orator.

“ Whereupon Nicholas Biddle, Esq., was chosen.”

A Committee of three, Chapman, Vaughan and Bache, were appointed to apply to the family of Jefferson “ for such documents and other information as may be needed by the orator in the preparation of his discourse.”

Proceedings of this meeting ordered to be published.

1826. *July 21.* (Present, 11. DuPonceau in the Chair; Vaughan, Nicholls, Mease, Hembell, Lorick, Meigs, Moore, Patterson, Strickland, Bache.)

Committee on Jefferson's death reported that an answer to their request had been received from Mr. Thomas J. Randolph.

Library donations from six persons and three Societies.

1826. *Aug. 18.* (Present, 11. DuPonceau in the Chair; Vaughan, Hare, Mease, Nicholls, Moore, Meigs, Long, Collin, Kane, Harlan.)

John Adams' Death: “The Committee appointed to write letters of condolence on the subject of the death of John Adams to the family of the deceased & to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences at Boston, reported replies from Mr. President Adams & from that Society respectively.”

Library donations from José F. F. Pinheiro, of Brazil; Count Lanjuinais, of Paris; J. J. Barrozo de Pereira, and a dozen other persons and societies.

Cabinet donation from the corporation of New York City.

Captain Barron's patent carrying and lifting trunk dock for repairing ships was verbally described by Mr. Vaughan.

1826. *Sept.* 15. (Present, 11. Patterson in the Chair.)

Library donations from four sources.

"Table to compute the Moon's horizontal parallax," &c., by Wm. Lambert, of Washington, was communicated by S. L. Southward, Sec. U. S. N., and referred to Moore, Patterson and Nulty.*

Transactions American Philosophical Society, "late volumes" received by the Geographical Society, Paris.

"Dr. Collin made some verbal remarks" on Peaches and Plums.

C. W. Peale's request to have the skeleton of the Elephant presented to the Society by the Asiatic Society of Bengal, was granted on the following conditions:

First—That the bones be joined together, at his cost, in a substantial and proper manner, under the superintendence of the curators of this Society, so as to form an entire skeleton.

Secondly—That, when exhibited, a label be attached to it, stating, that it was presented to the American Philosophical Society, by the Asiatic Society of Bengal; and was by the former deposited in the Philadelphia Museum.

Thirdly—That it may be reclaimed by the Society at any time after *three years* from its first exhibition.

Fourthly—that if the skeleton be not mounted within *one year* from this date, the bones may be reclaimed by the Society, and the agreement made void.

M. Rafn, Secretary Society Antiquaries, Copenhagen, to be informed of the Society's subscription to one copy of his proposed publication in Latin.

* Mr. Nulty's name does not appear in the records of members present at meetings in 1825, 1826.

1826. Oct. 6. (Present, 14. DuPonceau in the Chair; Major Ware, Pollok, Tidymen, and others.)

C. W. Peale accepts the Society's conditions. (See last meeting.)

Library donations from ten sources.

On the ancient languages of America; communicated by M^r. Rafinesque, and referred to the Historical Committee.

Count Laval, of Russia returns thanks for membership.

Silk Culture: Committee appointed to consider the subject: Mease, Vaux, Kane.

1826. Oct. 20. (Present, 15. Patterson in the Chair; Strickland, Kane, Bonaparte, and others.)

Silk Culture Committee reported progress.

Library donations from three sources.

Jefferson: A letter from James Brown, Minister at Paris, informed the Society that he had transmitted its communication to M. Dacier, Secretary Academy Inscriptions and Belles Lettres, Paris; and enclosed a copy of M. Dacier's reply to his letter; and a letter from M. Dacier to the President American Philosophical Society "offering the condolence of the R. Acad. Inscr. & B. L. on the melancholy event," &c.

"On the *Hermaphrodite Orang-outang* which recently died in Philadelphia." Dr. Harlan described the animal which he had dissected.

New members elected: M^r. Henry de Struvé, Councillor of State, Russia; General Lewis Cass, Governor United States Territory, Michigan; Wm. Shaler, Esq., Consul General United States at Algiers.

1826. Nov. 3. (Present, 12. Duponceau; Conrad, De-wees, Morgan, and others.)

Silk Culture Committee report accepted; resolution postponed.

Library donations from four persons.

Cabinet donations from Mr. John Bacon and the Franklin Institute.

1826. *Nov. 17.* (Present, 12. Collins in the Chair.)

Library donations from eight sources.

Silk Culture Committee's Resolution again postponed.

1826. *Dec. 1.* (Present, 12. DuPonceau; Collin, Hall, Mease, Vaughan, Hembel, Nichols, Meigs, Bache, Barnwell, Collins, Ord.)

Finance Committee reported (verbally) the Treasurer's accounts correct: Balance on general account \$136.94; "the whole of the Magellanic & Rittenhouse funds having been invested, there is no balance in these accounts." "The Treasurer stated that his accounts had been transcribed & were lying on the table." He "exhibited a detailed account of the situation of the Magellanic, Extra Magellanic & Rittenhouse Funds."

Library donations from three Academies, and G. Fischer de Waldheim.

Silk Culture Committee's Resolution was discussed and adopted, recommending "the appointment of a Committee to prepare an Address to the Public urging the planting of White Mulberry trees, extensively, & the breeding of Silk-worms, by the people of the U. S."

Mr. Vaughan gave notice he would move for an appropriation of money to buy enough copies of the current Vol. Transactions American Philosophical Society to supply foreign and domestic corresponding societies.

Annual Meeting Card: "On motion of Mr. Ord the Treasurer was instructed to have the Stated Meetings of the Society printed upon a card for the use of the members.

Letter of Information to New Members, announcing their election. Engraving of such a copperplate form ordered.

Byrd's Line. The original MS. was exhibited by Dr. Mease, "containing the History of the Dividing Line be-

tween North Carolina and Virginia, by Colonel Byrd, of Westover, Va.”

1826. Dec. 15. (Present, 13. Tilghman in the Chair.)

Finance Committee reported verbally on the condition of the funds.

Library donation from the Charleston Library Company.

Cabinet donation from Mr. Baker.

Dr. Collin spoke on the Effect of the Weather on the Human Constitution; and on Eating.

Mr. Vaughan's promised Resolution to buy copies of Transactions American Philosophical Society for other Societies was, after discussion, postponed.

No applications for Magellanic or Extra Magellanic premium.

Election Day—Evening Meeting:

Some doubts having been expressed, with respect to the necessity of holding an Ordinary meeting of the Society, on the evening of the first Friday in January, the day whereon the third article of the twelve Fundamental Laws declares that the annual election of Officers shall be held; Chief Justice Tilghman, to whom the question was referred, decided, that, in conformity with article ninth of the said Fundamental Laws, an Ordinary meeting ought to be held on the evening of the day above mentioned; and it was consequently resolved, that the Society should henceforward, assemble in accordance with this decision.

1827. Jan'y 5. (Present, 8. Tilghman in the Chair; DuPonceau, Vaughan, Meigs, Patterson, Mease, Coates, Ord.)

Election returns reported, thus: Electors present: Collin, Ord, Patterson, Collins, Bache, Vaux, Vaughan, DuPonceau, Mease, Harlan, Meigs, Hembel, Kane, Tilghman, Persons duly elected.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President—Tilghman.

Vice-Presidents—DuPonceau, Collins, Patterson.

Secretaries—Ord, Keating, Fr. Bache, C. C. Biddle.